



PORTLAND BUSINESS ALLIANCE

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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn

Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WT Docket 11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

The Portland Business Alliance, Greater Portland's Chamber of Commerce, represents nearly 1,400 member businesses and their employees in the Portland-metro region. As a regional economy anchored by high-tech, bio science and advanced manufacturing industry clusters, modernized telecommunications infrastructure is crucial to supporting the business operations in the Portland-metro region. Therefore, the Alliance urges federal approval of the AT&T/T-Mobile merger. The merger of these combined networks will provide tangible telecommunications benefits to Portland's economy and its citizens.

A recent study showed that the Portland-metro region is experiencing declining private-sector job growth, as well as declining wages and incomes, relative to peer metro areas. Private- and public-sector leaders are committed to reversing this trend through investments that spur long term, stable job growth. As part of the strategy for economic recovery, investments and opportunities for advanced telecommunications technology, such as those offered by the AT&T/T-Mobile merger are essential to this end.

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Private telecommunications network infrastructure is very important to Portland's regional high-tech, bio science and advanced manufacturing industry clusters. As technology expands to demand greater network capacity, speeds and quality of service, advanced networks are essential. Mergers of networks, such as those of AT&T and T-Mobile, will strengthen telecommunications infrastructure in Portland and contribute significantly to fulfill industry demand.

We believe that the investment in 4G Long Term Evolution (LTE) will spur as much as innovation, job growth and investment as the 3G did, if not more. Combining the two networks resolves this issue for customers of both companies, with AT&T now stating its ability to build out 4G LTE to as much 97% of the U.S. population after the merger. The Portland Business Alliance supports the AT&T/T-Mobile merger and asks the federal government to approve the merger.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sandra McDonough". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail on the "y" at the end.

Sandra McDonough
President & CEO